

Please reject this recall. It is unnecessary and expensive. And it would be undemocratic, too:

The city holds *regular* elections *every two years*. The next regular council election is in 2020. I was honored to receive over 12,000 votes when elected. In this recall, a candidate who earned *fewer* votes could replace me. That is not democracy.

The recall's allegations against me are trumped-up and untrue. I am a strong advocate of open meetings, public process, and inclusive governance. I ask tough questions; I do my homework; I listen. I am striving to keep campers out of neighborhoods; and I deeply respect our Fire Chief. I pledge to *keep lines of communication open*.

If you care about protecting our neighborhoods from oversized, unaffordable developments like the *Corridors Plan*, and if you care about fighting the growth of UCSC – they're planning for 28,000 students! – then reject the recall.

If you want to see a new *downtown library* not buried in a garage, and keep high-rises off our *historic wharf*, reject this recall.

If you support protecting the environment and practicing compassion, reject this recall.

I know Santa Cruzans care about these issues and more. Protect our democracy. Reject the recall.

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